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**Retired Deputy Charged with Discharging
Firearm After Being Pranked**

A retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputy has been charged with firing his gun after a group of children repeatedly rang his doorbell and then ran away, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced today.

Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Gootman said Sung Jin Pak (dob 6/2/66) faces one misdemeanor count of discharge of firearm with gross negligence in case 4NW01150.

Arraignment is scheduled tomorrow in Department 2 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Santa Clarita Office.

On Oct. 12, 2013, Pak, who was still with the sheriff's department at the time, allegedly chased after a group of children who had played a prank known as "ding-dong-ditch" on his Stevenson Ranch home and fired his gun into the air, the prosecutor said.

If convicted as charged he faces a maximum of 365 days in county jail.

The remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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About the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.